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RESIDENCE AND LAW OFFICE OF THE LATE EDWIN L. POOR, NOW OWNED BY HIS DAUGHTER,

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PREPARING FOR SEBAGO CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

In the spring of 1926 when the selectmen made up their Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting they inserted the following article: To see what sum of money the Town will vote for Sebago Centennial, and raise money for the same; also to choose a committee to look after and take charge of the same. When the article came up in Town Meeting it met with an hearty approval of the voters, and they voted to raise five hundred dollars for the celebration of Sebago's Centennial, at North Sebago, sometime in August; and the following committee were chosen: Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Irish, Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Meserve, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer F. Larrabee, Mr. and Mrs. Anson L. Brackett, Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Fitch.

The first committee meeting was held May 18th, at the Town Hall, for organization. The following officers were elected: Anson L. Brackett, Chairman; Mrs. Harry H. Fitch, Secretary; Elmer F. Larrabee, Treasurer; Howard E. Irish, Advertising; and it was voted to add Mr. and Mrs. William O. Nason to this committee and Mr. Nason was elected chairman on grounds. The committee met every week, and the Town of Sebago owe them a vote of thanks for their work and the very successful way everything was carried out. At the second meeting it was decided to have the Centennial on Wednesday, August 4th. The five hundred dollars which the Town raised looked to be a large sum, but as the committee commenced to make plans they found that they needed more money and it was talked pro and con and was decided to ask our friends to help us; the Secretary was authorized to send out letters to former citizens; Mr. Harry H. Fitch was asked to call on our non-residents; and with the other committee's help a thorough canvass was made and our friends responded to the sum of four hundred seventy-two dollars and twenty-five cents.

The committee hired a large tent in which to serve dinner. A caterer was secured to furnish dinner for seventy-five cents per plate. The Town furnished "Centennial trays" for cafeteria service.

Clarence Chute had his "Merry-go-round" on the grounds, which made it very interesting for the young people as well as some of the older ones.

The committee secured the St. Cecelia Boys' Band of Lewiston to furnish music for the day.

THE DAY ARRIVES

It was a most glorious day, very warm but a cool breeze from the lake. It would be a very hard proposition to find a more picturesque spot on which to celebrate a centennial than on the shore of Sebago Lake at North Sebago. First on the program was the parade headed by the Marshal of the Day, Edward S. Douglass, followed by the St. Cecelia Boys' Band of Lewiston. There was a large number of very beautifully decorated automobiles and floats in line; also one hundred fifty boys from Camps O-at-ka and White Mountain marching four abreast. The judges, Gardner H. Rankin of Hiram; Lewis Crockett, Portland; Charles Murch, West Baldwin; after a very long consultation, gave the following decision: First prize to Maple Grove Grange; second prize to Dyke Mt. Farm, Miss Grace L. Dyke, proprietress; third prize to Potter Academy. The prizes were very pretty cups suitably engraved for the occasion. Immediately after the parade the Stars and Stripes were raised and saluted by the Camp O-at-ka boys. Next on the program were some boxing, wrestling and stunts by the Camp boys. There was a very interesting game of baseball between the Camp O-at-ka and Camp White Mt. boys. A prize, a silver cup, was won by the O-at-ka boys. Dinner was next in order. Some brought theirs and a few near ones went home and the rest flocked to the large tent, where a very bountiful dinner was served. Ice cream and cold drinks sold on the grounds.

Program of the afternoon was held in a large tent at 1.30 P. M. Charles E. Hunt introduced as chairman of the afternoon program, Fred W. Hill, who made some very interesting remarks. As the centennial committee had overlooked or rather had not thought of engaging a stenographer, we can give but a short account of the speeches.

Music	St. Cecelia Boys' Band
Prayer	Rev. Allison J. Wentworth
Singing—Sebago	Audience, Accompanied by Band
(Composed by Lunetta M. Chessey)	
History of Sebago	Fred L. Meserve
Doctors of Sebago	Dr. L. H. Poore
Lawyers of Sebago	Philip R. White, Esq.
Music	Band
Teachers of Sebago	Hon. George H. Babb
Remarks—Non-residents	Hon. Anson L. Brackett
Address	Burton M. Clough
Poem	Lunetta M. Chessey



EDWARD S. DOUGLASS, MARSHALL OF THE DAY



FIRST PRIZE

Music Band
 Address Rev. E. J. Dennen
 Singing—Doxology Audience
 Benediction Rev. E. J. Dennen

At 3.00 P. M. there was a ball game between Steep Falls and Limington teams for a purse of fifty dollars. A very interesting game was played, won by Steep Falls. Score, 3 to 1.

There was a seaplane present all day and it did a good business carrying passengers, as a large number improved the opportunity to view the earth from the air.

In the evening it was estimated there were four thousand people on the grounds to see the fine display of fireworks.

SEBAGO

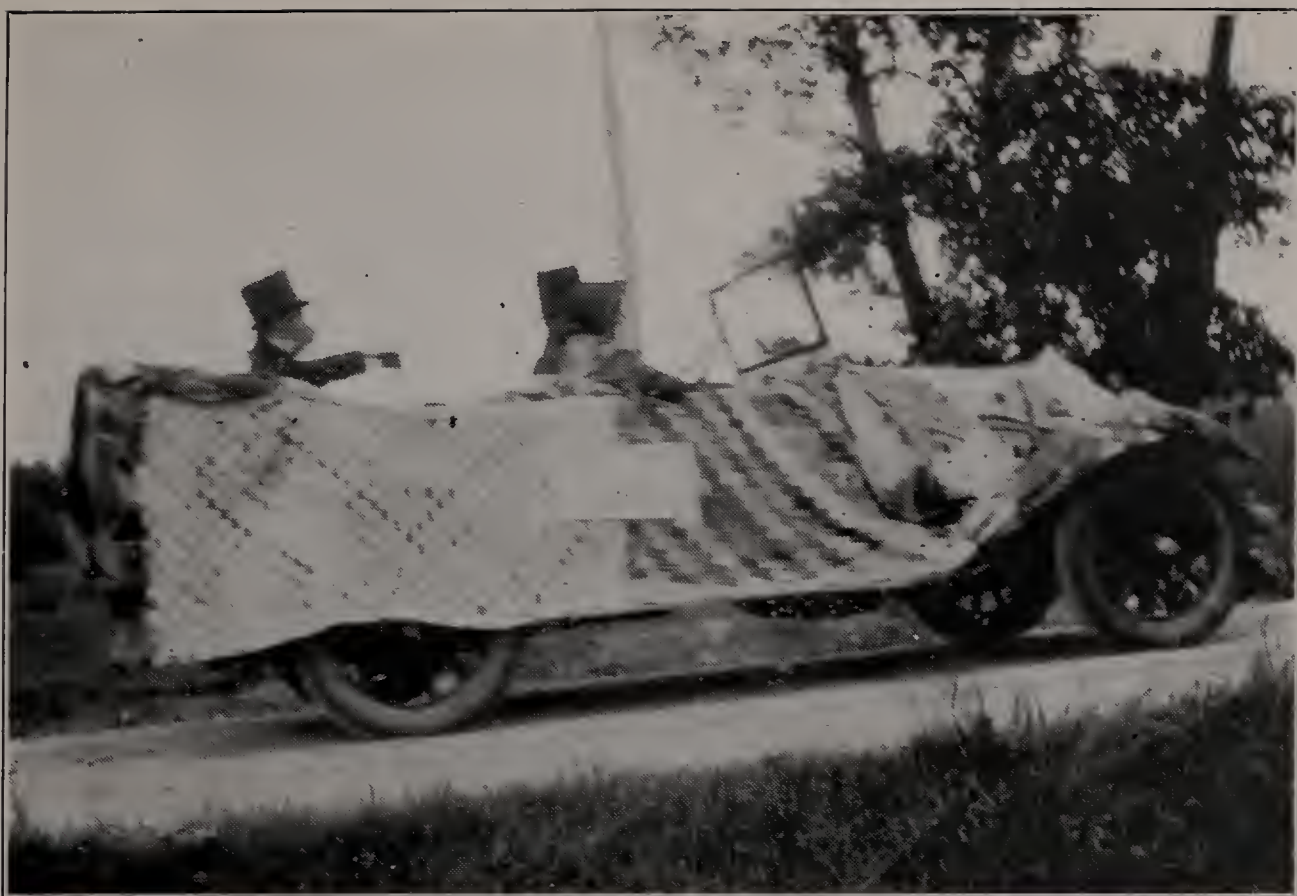
(Tune: "America")

Sebago, 'tis to thee,
 First town of all to me,
 To thee I sing.
 Home where my fathers died,
 Home and all else beside,
 From every fireside
 Let welcomes ring.

This is Cen-ten-nial Day;
 We come from far away,
 To show our love;
 We love thy rocks and rills,
 Thy woods and many hills,
 Our hearts with pride doth thrill,
 To thee above.

Let friends and strangers meet
 At thy fresh, verdant feet,
 Se-ba-go, dear.
 Let old time songs be sung,
 Let all unite as one,
 Let us thy praise prolong,
 To thee up here.

May God His blessings give
 To all who here doth live,
 In Se-ba-go.
 And may we meet again,
 To sing thy praises here,
 In love to you so dear,
 Great God we trow.



DYKE MT. FARM FLOAT, SECOND PRIZE



POTTER ACADEMY, THIRD PRIZE

HISTORY OF SEBAGO

FRED L. MESERVE

Mr. Chairman and Fellow Citizens and Friends of Sebago:

By the esteemed appointment of your committee it is my privilege and pleasure to present to you an historical review of the incidents attending the settlement of this town. This is an occasion, dear friends, not only for looking backward to the days of our revered ancestors and commemorating their lives and deeds, but for the interchanging of greetings and congratulations, for friendly clasping of welcoming hands, for seeing eye to eye and speaking heart to heart. In short, for taking general account of our emotions and indulging in such expressions of sentiment as are appropriate to a reunion like the present.

I think that the sweetest emotion of our nature is joy. A very common occasion for the excitement of this grand emotion is aptly described in a little poem that I have seen:

There is joy in sailing outward,
Though we leave upon the pier,
With faces grieved and wishful,
The friends we hold most dear;
And the sea may roll between us—
Perhaps for many a year.

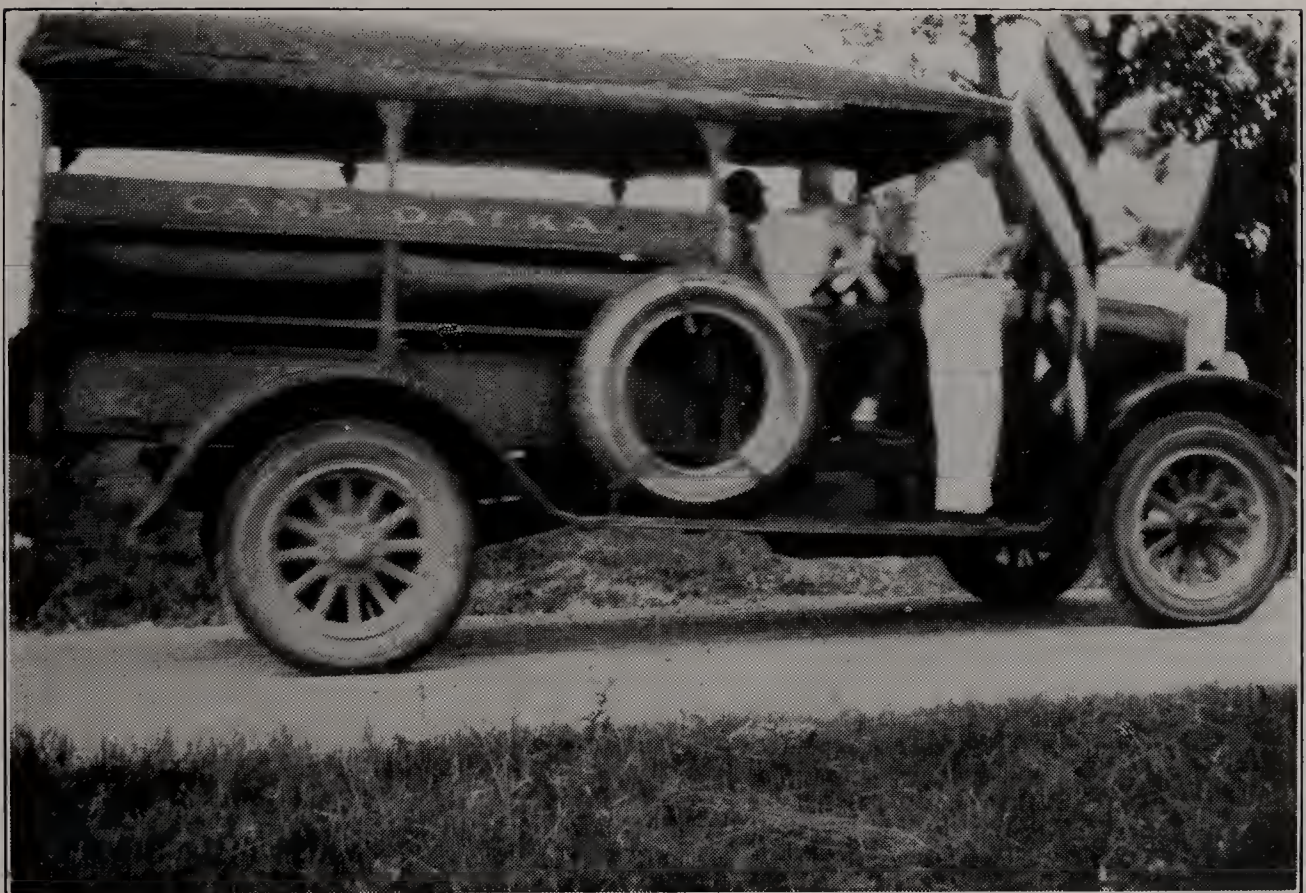
There is joy in climbing mountains,
In fording rushing brooks;
In poking into places
That we've read about in books;
In meeting lots of people with
Unfamiliar looks.

But the joy of joys is ours,
Untouched by any pain,
When we take the home-bound steamer,
And catch the home-bound train;
Oh, there is nothing half so pleasant
As coming home again.

Yes, there's no place like home to him or her whose constitution of soul and body receives its first and everlasting principles of life and vigor from the native elements of the earth, the air and the sky amid the influences of the education and the associations of that dearest spot of earth. But there is another emotion to be reckoned with closely related to joy; it is thankfulness; deep unspeakable gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His goodness and innumerable mercies in permitting us to come to-



POTTER ACADEMY



CAMP O-AT-KA

gether on this centennial day in glad remembrance of our fathers and mothers who won this fair town from the wilderness.

I would give you a picture of the ambition shown by the first settlers as they came scores or hundreds of miles through an unbroken forest and after a few days of toilsome tramping the weary home seekers arrived at the chosen spot, the promised land of their day dreams and nightly visions.

The woodman's axe wielded by sturdy arms soon opened a space for the sun's rays to light up the surface of the land. A log cabin was soon erected and the homesteads grew in measured acres and the good man and his brave, patient and resourceful wife, reinforced in a few years by the willing hearts and strong hands of stalwart sons and daughters, find themselves in partnership with nature in redeeming the wilderness to civilization and all that pertains to the welfare of humanity and earthly happiness.

SETTLEMENTS

The town of Sebago is made up principally from Baldwin. Flintstown, as the old township was first called, was granted by the General Court of Massachusetts to the survivors of the Company of Captain Flint of Concord, Massachusetts, 1774. That part forming the town of Sebago was for half a century occupied principally by lumbermen, who disappeared with the first growth of pine. A part of Denmark was added in 1830, which is called the mile square, a part of Baldwin subsequently. A part of Naples was taken off in 1851.

Joseph Lakin and Jacob Howe were the earliest permanent settlers. Mr. Howe carried the first mails from Bridgton to Portland. I cannot find any record of his family, if any, nor where he settled. Joseph Lakin came from Groton, Massachusetts, in 1790. He built his cabin on lot No. 5, in first range east just about east from Thomas H. Jackson farm. Returning for his family and goods, he crossed Sebago Lake in a boat and made his way through the difficult path to where he hoped the public road would soon be built. He has several great-great-grandchildren living in Harrison at the present time. Deacon Daniel Hill, father of Daniel J. and Charles Hill, then a young man of twenty-seven, married Mr. Lakin's daughter, Polly, in 1779, settled on the same land and left it to his sons. Deacon Hill died in 1821, a young man. His widow, Polly Hill, a very energetic woman, built the large barn that is now owned by Frank L. Brown, in 1836. Mrs. Thomas H. Jackson is a great-



RESIDENCE OF CHARLES E. FITCH
BUILT BY HIS GREAT GRANDFATHER,
ESQUIRE FITCH IN 1811



RESIDENCE OF HARRY H. FITCH, BUILT BY HIS GRANDFATHER,

granddaughter and Fred W. Hill is a great-grandson, Mrs. Eva Hill Rogers of Naples, a great-granddaughter, Daniel Hill Jackson, Sebago, a great-great-grandson, Ettie Hatch Decker, North Waterford, a great-great-granddaughter of Joseph Lakin, and there are other great-great-grandchildren in Hiram.

In 1793 William Fitch of Groton, Massachusetts, came to Baldwin. He settled on the farm now owned by Charles E. Fitch of Sebago and in 1811 he built the house. When Baldwin was incorporated, in 1802, he was one of the first selectmen and served as a selectman for twelve years before Sebago was incorporated. He also served Baldwin three terms in the Legislature. When Sebago was incorporated, in 1826, he became one of the first selectmen, also in 1827, 1829; first postmaster, also first town clerk. He married Betsey Woods before he left Groton. Their children, Rebecca, George, Betsey and William, were born there. Mrs. Fitch came on horseback and brought baby William in her arms. He built the first grist mill, at the foot of the pond at Sebago Centre in 1798; also built the first sawmill in town at Sebago Centre. He also settled East Sebago and built the first lumber mill on North West River, the site of the present old grist mill. About 1829, Luther H. Fitch of Groton married Rebecca, William's daughter, took over the lumber business and built the house now owned by Mrs. William H. Fitch, also the saw mill, that is there today, in 1866. In 1873 Luther's sons, George, William and John, took over the management of the mill under the firm name of Fitch Brothers and in 1912 William's sons, Paul and Harry, took over the management of the business under the old name of Fitch Brothers. Paul died in 1925, and Harry Fitch is carrying on the business.

Joseph Fitch settled on what is now the town farm. Col. David Potter came to Sebago in 1796, settled near Joseph Fitch's on the farm now owned by Howard E. Poor. The Potter house burned about fifty years ago, also one of the barns; the other is still there and was built in 1798. His children were: Capt. David Potter, John, Sybil, who married Capt. Amos Storer, Martha, Deborah, Richard F., who was admitted to the Bar and died at the age of 31, Joseph Fitch Potter, who became a very successful physician in Cincinnati, Ohio, and because of his love for his native town and its people, present and future, he bequeathed a fund of some \$35,000 for the maintenance of an academic school, free to the pupils of Sebago. The other children were Luther F., Betsey F., Pamela P.

Col. David Potter was one of the First Selectmen of Baldwin. He also served in 1806 and 1811. In 1808, Edward Dike came



STONE BRIDGE ON THE MARRINER ROAD NEAR THE SITE OF
THE FIRST GRIST MILL IN SEBAGO



SITE OF FIRST SAWMILL AT SEBAGO CENTER

from Massachusetts, moved with his family to the north side of Saddleback Mountain and built a log house and cleared up an extensive farm. He had a large family. The place was divided into two farms, later owned respectively by Kimball J. and Oliver D. Dike, now owned by a daughter of Kimball and Grace L. Dike, daughter of Oliver.

Oliver M. Pike, Esq., born at Cornish, Aug. 16, 1788, came from Cornish to Sebago. He felled the first tree on the Pike farm; cleared a portion of the place and built a log cabin; married Sarah Page of Epping, New Hampshire, and brought his bride to the log cabin to live. Ten children, seven boys and three girls, were born to them: Bennett, Nathaniel, who became a lawyer, Oliver, who lived on the old homestead, Edwin, who became a lawyer, Albion, Daniel, Ezra, Hannah, Dora and Elizabeth. He lived in the log cabin for a number of years and then built the house now standing on the farm. The wedding trip of Esquire Pike and wife was from Epping, New Hampshire, to Sebago on horseback, she riding on the rear seat on the same horse as he over the trail through the dense forest.

Where Douglass Inn and annex, cottages and Douglass Hill Post Office now stand, the farm of Edward S. Douglass was settled by a Brown. One of his sons became a very successful lawyer in New York, who, when at two years of age his father died, moved to North Bridgton with his mother.

Asa Irish, born in Standish, came to Sebago on to the place that was later occupied by Florilla Wentworth, moved into a log-house, and his son Charles was born there. He then moved to the Frank Cole Farm, lived a few years and then moved on to the Wilbur Warren Farm on the ridge and from there to Beech Hill on to the place now owned by his grandson, Howard Irish, which was the Alfred Farnum Farm. Asa was a carpenter and a great framer of the old-fashioned barns. The long King post and the plates 50 or 60 feet long, eight inches square, hewed from white pine. When the day came for the raising, 50 to 75 men would gather and they would raise broadside at a time. Then the rafters and then the purline, a crew on each side racing to see which side would get the ridge pole on. Then some dare-devil with a bottle of rum in each hand would stand on his head on the ridge.

NEW LIMINGTON EARLY SETTLERS

John Douglass, father of Rufus and Andrew Douglass, settled near Barker Pond. His great grandsons, Morton and Grover Douglass, are on the same farm.



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SEBAGO TOWN HALL

John Meserve, Morrell Jewell, Thomas and David Jewell were other early settlers on "Hog Fat Hill" so-called.

Daniel Dyer, one of the early settlers, was born in 1780. Mathew Dyer, his son, was born in 1808. Mathew's son, William, was born Jan. 17, 1836. William lived on the old place and at his death left it to his daughter, Mrs. Leona Richardson.

James Brown was born in 1798. His son, Coleman, was born in 1827. Edwin Brown, son of Coleman, was born on March 29, 1859. Edwin carried the mail from Sebago to Mattocks for twenty-four years in succession. His son, Herbert, is mail carrier at the present time, assisted by his father, who makes the afternoon trip.

John Pugsley, who was born in 1791, came to Sebago in 1816 into a wilderness. He married Sally Libby. They had three daughters. William Haley, Jr., married Miriam Pugsley, daughter of John Pugsley, and went to live with her father.

Robert Libby, a Revolutionary soldier, and John Libby, his son, were early settlers.

Benniah Jewell, born in Cornish in 1806, came to Sebago in 1831, built a log house and took his bride, Esther Douglass, there to live. In 1840, he built the house in which his son, George D. Jewell, at the age of ninety-one, now lives.

Deacon William Haley, born in 1796, died in Sebago, 1877, came to Sebago from Limington. Polly Johnson, his wife, was born in 1794, at Limerick. Ten children were born to them.

Capt. Amos Storer, born in 1787, married Sybil Potter, who was born in 1799. He settled on the farm that is now owned by Fred Douglass. There are several grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Capt. Storer in Sebago, Baldwin, and Bridgton.

"SANDY BEACH"

George Ward of Scarboro, born in 1794, came to Sebago in 1838, and cleared up a large farm. The present occupants are two granddaughters, Mrs. Wallace Shaw and Mrs. John Richardson. Ephraim Bacheldor, George W. Burnell, Daniel Nason and the Shaws and McKenney were also early settlers. George W. Burnell is present with us today. He is eighty-nine years old. A grandson, W. F. Bacheldor, is living on part of his grandfather's farm. Will Nason, a grandson of Daniel, is the present owner of the Nason farm. Andrew Douglass cleared a farm on "Picked Mountain," now occupied by his grandson, John E. Douglass. James Gray and Daniel McKenney were early settlers at Picked Mountain. George W. Gray of Denmark,



POTTER ACADEMY DORMITORY



FITCH BROS. MILL, EAST SEBAGO

who was town treasurer for twenty-five years in succession, was born in Sebago, the son of James Gray. Daniel McKenney, born January 4, 1807, married Eliza Sanborn, born in 1813, moved to Picked Mountain in 1830 and built a log cabin in the dense wilderness. He was a brave hunter and heroic pioneer, who cleared a good farm and built a commodious dwelling. He became blind when advanced in life and was cared for by his daughter, Mrs. H. L. Clough. He died when 77 years of age. His wife died eight years before him. There were nine daughters born of this union, all of whom married. But one survives, Mrs. Celista White. Robert Staples and Thomas W. Larrabee were early settlers in the Larrabee District. Elmer F. Larrabee, grandson of Thomas W. Larrabee, lives where Thomas lived. John B. Brown was first settler near Brown's Pond. John Libby and Samuel Meserve settled near Brown's. Jonathan Sanborn settled on Tiger Hill. Louis Sanborn was his son and lived on the same place. James Sanborn, son of Louis, was the father of E. F. Sanborn. Other settlers were Andrew Lord; John Martin, a Revolutionary soldier; his son, Nathaniel, who was in the 1812 war; Nathaniel's son, Daniel, who was in the Civil War; Daniel's son, Henry, also was in the Civil War; Henry's son, Carlton, was in the Spanish-American War; also another son, William Henry, who was in the World War. Very good record for one family. Jonathan Poor came to Sebago in 1802 on to lot No. 1 first range east, which he bought of Jonas Fairbanks of Lancaster town in the County of Worcester, Commonwealth of Mass., when he was 31 years old and married Ruth Porter, who was born in 1781. They had five children, Tyler, Mary, Leander, Martha and Jonathan D. Tyler married Almira Barker of Otisfield, now Naples, and lived on the old place for a number of years, then transferred the home place to Leander and moved onto the Andrew Lord place at Tiger Hill and operated the mill many years. There were eight children born of this union, four boys and four girls: William C. married Mary Kimball and lived on the old place. Four boys and four girls were born to them. Maria married William L. Davis; four children were born of this union. One, Frank W. Davis, became a minister of the Gospel, the only preacher, am sorry to say, who was a Sebago-born boy. Roscoe married Julia Whitney of Standish and lived at Sebago Lake.

Edwin L., who married Amanda M. Whitney of Bethel, became a lawyer and located in Sebago; four children born to this union, two boys and two girls, one boy died in infancy, the

other, Dr. Leland H. Poore, we have with us today. Mary married Mark Richardson of Sebago; two boys and four girls born to them; their son, Albert F. Richardson, was known all over the state as a great educator. Leander never married. Martha married Reuben Pendexter; one son was born, Charles W. Jonathan D. married Carolyn Porter; two boys were born to them, Russell and Leander A., who served as major in the Civil War.

The house now occupied by the daughters of Leander A. Poor was built in 1806 by Jonathan Poor. A few years ago Leander A. made extensive repairs on the same. Peter White, born July 22, 1791, married Thankful Blake and came to East Sebago in the early part of the 18th century. He raised a large family of children. John, the son of Peter, was the father of Cassius M. White, who married Celista McKenney. Five boys and five girls were born to them. All are living but one daughter. The grandson of Cassius M. White, Philip R. White, is a lawyer in Massachusetts.

Capt. James Babb came from Gorham in 1817 and with two workmen opened a cooper shop near Joseph Fitch's place, and a store, the first in town, where he kept West India goods, cotton for spinning and a few of the most needful articles of trade. Capt. Babb was first sergeant in Capt. Robie's company at Portland in the war of 1812, and rode all night to alarm the company when called out. Capt. Babb married Sally Potter and moved on to the farm on the Ridge now occupied by his granddaughter, Mary A. Babb, and great-grandson, Raymond Holden Babb. Chadbourne came from Cornish in 1835 on to the William Sanborn farm now owned by James L. Chadbourne, a grandson.

Robert McDonald was an early settler at the southern part of Sebago, called Mc's Corner.

Besides the Fitch Mills before mentioned were: Brown's Mills at the foot of Brown's Pond; General Hall's mill at the "Old Hall Place," so-called; Peter White, one of the early settlers at East Sebago, built a mill at the "Old White Mill Privilege;" John White, his grandson, built a mill below his grandfather's mill in later years.

George Ward had a mill on the little brook near his place. Loring and J. Hannibal Bacheldor and Marcellus Ward and Sherburn Ward had mills on Bacheldor's brook.

Daniel and Josiah McKenney built a mill on North West River at the "Folley" in 1830 and commenced sawing hemlock that was before thought worthless.

Andrew Lord built a mill at Tiger Hill that was later owned by Tyler P. Poor.

INCORPORATION

In the year of 1825, one year before Sebago became a town, there were four towns incorporated. The year 1826 witnessed also five towns besides Sebago. Sebago was the 260th or 261st town. The town of Howland was incorporated the same day as Sebago, thus becoming a twin sister to Sebago.

A petition for an election was signed by O. M. Pike, Samuel McOrrison, Samuel Dike, Edward Dike, Reuben Cook, W. M. Norton, George Whitney, William Irish, James Gray, Scolly G. Usher, William Sanborn, James Cook and George W. Dillingno. The meeting organizing the town was held at the schoolhouse formerly Dist. No. 5 of Baldwin on March 13, 1826. 89 votes were polled. Owing to the destruction of the town records in 1874 it is impossible to present a complete list of town officers. Selectmen for 1826: William Fitch, Oliver M. Pike, Joseph Leavitt; first Collector, Scolly G. Usher; first Town Clerk, William Fitch; first Treasurer, William Fitch. A large town house was erected about 1835.

CHURCHES

The Free Will Baptist Church of Sebago was organized by Revs. James Libby, Jeremiah Bullock and John Stevens, November 19, 1826. Mr. Stevens, who was first pastor, preached his first sermon in the schoolhouse west of the present church, which was built in 1844 by Deacon William Haley, John Pugsley, William Whitney, trustees. Among the first members were: William Haley, who was chosen deacon, Mrs. William Haley, James Weed, Mrs. Thomas Butler, Phoebe, wife of Rev. William Whitney, Isaac Ridlon and Mr. and Mrs. John Moody. James Weed was chosen clerk. Rev. Mr. Stevens was succeeded by Revs. John Pike, Samuel Tyler and Reuben Whitney. Rev. Reuben Whitney remained until his death in 1837. Rev. Nahum Foss preached here in 1845 and was succeeded in 1847 by Rev. John Bussell, through whose efforts the general provisional Baptist church was formed of twenty members. Paine Kezar was chosen second deacon and Lemuel Dyer, clerk. Rev. Walker B. Parker was settled pastor from 1866 to 1883. Since then there has not been any settled pastor. In the summer months the members have kept up a sabbath school, and have had services several Sundays every summer. There is a present membership of sixteen.

The Sebago Village Church was erected in 1856 by a parish corporation, consisting of ten members: O. D. Dike, S. P. Douglass, N. S. Chadbourne, Reuben Sanborn, John Fitch,



M. E. CHURCH, NORTH SEBAGO



BAPTIST CHURCH

Luther Fitch, Joseph Ridlon, Charles Hill, Abram Tyler and K. J. Dike, each paying one hundred dollars. The corporation was organized March 24, 1856, and steps were immediately taken for the building of the church, which was dedicated June 25, 1857, by Revs. Cyril Pearl and William P. Merrill. The lot was donated to the parish by William Fitch. The bell was given by Dr. Joseph Fitch Potter. At a council held at this house May 18, 1858, a Free Will Baptist Church was organized, with Joseph Merrill, deacon, and O. D. Dike, clerk. Rev. Charles Bean was installed first regular pastor, who greatly increased the membership by his labors.

Rev. J. M. Perkins, the next Free Will Baptist Preacher, came in 1868 and continued to preach until 1872. The meeting-house has been shared with the Congregationalists since 1876, the two congregations joining in the support of the minister.

Congregational Church

Baldwin Congregational Church was organized in 1821, but from 1830 to 1838 this was known as the Baldwin and Sebago Church. For many years thereafter Sebago remained a branch of this church, being regularly served by the pastors installed at East Baldwin. Rev. Noah Emerson, installed June 1, 1825, remained the faithful pastor until January 1, 1850, but was assisted from 1846 to 1849 by Rev. John H. Gowen. Revs. Cyril Pearl, Jos. E. Walker, Joseph W. Brownville, Richard Wickett and E. P. Eastman were later pastors in this field. In 1895 Rev. George Power Merritt was sent to this place by the Missionary Board to revive the work. As a result of his faithful labors during the summer the church was reorganized, and on November 29th the Union Congregational Parish was organized. The following summer Rev. Willis P. Hume was sent to this church and Hiram, remaining with the churches about three years, until September 4, 1898. Rev. Joseph G. W. Herold became pastor January 22, 1899, remaining until July 23, 1901. Rev. E. H. Jenkyns was in charge of the church from November 8, 1901, to November 28, 1903. Since then there have been services during the summer months by several different pastors, including the following: Revs. Charles F. Echterbecker, Don I. Patch, H. A. Lambert, Clarence Whidden, Reeves, John Graham, and Rev. John Wiggin, who was pastor of the church several years ago, preached here during the fall of 1926. The church has a present membership of twenty-three.

North Sebago

There have been meetings held in North Sebago and Larrabee schoolhouses in the years gone by. The late C. N. M. Ward was

superintendent of a sabbath school for many years in the Larabee schoolhouse. In 1903 there was a Methodist Episcopal Church built at North Sebago and has been supplied by the pastors of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Naples.

MILITARY ACCOUNT

John Martin, Robert Libby, Col. David Potter, John Robinson and Robert Usher were Revolutionary soldiers. Benjamin Thorne, John Libby, Reuben Whitney, John Douglass, James Babb, Robert Davis, William Ridlon, Nathaniel Martin, Eli Robinson, Joseph Robinson, and Daniel McKenney were soldiers of the 1812 War.

In the Civil War there were forty-seven from Sebago, as follows: Charles A. Blake, Sydney F. Brown, William S. Brown, Benjamin F. Cook, Charles Cole, Alonzo S. Cook, Lewis C. Cross, George Douglass, Jr., Reuben M. Dyer, Thos. Dunn, Ambrose Foss, David M. Haley, Henry C. Hatch, Ira H. Haley, William H. Hill,^o Charles Johnson, Jas. McKenney, Daniel D. Martin (leg shot off Sept. 15, 1862), John Martin, William H. Martin, Greenleaf T. Mariner, Ira L. Martin, Corp. John Meserve, Jason Martin, Sergt. William S. Phinney, Noah J. Pendexter, Henry M. Pierce, Washington Richardson, Isaac Richardson, Robert R. Robinson, John Rodgers, Andrew Saunders, Corp. Thomas T. Storer, Benjamin Shaw, musician, Joshua L. Usher, Wm. H. H. Weeman, Samuel H. Weeman, Jas. Wright, Corp. Edw. R. Wentworth, Wm. Wentworth, Eben Ward, David Ward, Jacob Witham, Alfred Whitney, Frank Storer, William Haley and George Dike. Charles O. Pendexter, raised in Sebago, was Lieutenant in the 31st Regiment, Maine Volunteers. Ambrose Foss is sole survivor.

In the Spanish-American War, Sebago had two: Walter W. Poor, deceased, Carlton D. Martin. World War, Sebago had twenty-five, of whom twelve went across, namely: Israel Chessey, Louis Chessey, Alex Chessey, Elmer Blake, Wilford Blake, Chester Wormhood, Carlos Johnson, deceased, Walter McDonald, Owen Cole, Raymond Harmon, Harold Shaw, William Martin.

The first schoolhouse in town was south of Howard C. White's on the west side of the road. The Potter schoolhouse was built in 1860. Beech-hill schoolhouse was built in 1836. Sebago Centre School, district first schoolhouse, was built north of Charles E. Fitch's place on the east side of the road and the town of Baldwin used to have its town meeting every other year in this house and Sebago's first town meeting was held there. The brick schoolhouse was built in 1836.

New Limington's, now Convene's, first schoolhouse was just west of the meetinghouse. In 1847 a new schoolhouse was built west of the present one. It was burned in 1873 and the present one was built the next year.

Dike District. The first schoolhouse was built in 1857. This was burned and another built about 1881.

"Sandy Beach" schoolhouse was built in 1859. Folley schoolhouse was built in 1854. Potter, Dike and Folley schools have been discontinued and the schoolhouses sold.

Potter Academy was built in 1895.

ROADS

I can find no record when the Bridgton County Road was built. Have found it spoken of in 1789. A road was opened from Haskell Landing northward past Hall's mill by Perley Pond in 1821. From Mattocks to East Sebago, 1858, a road was opened. List of men who served as Assessors and Overseers of the Poor since Sebago was incorporated:

Those who served one year are: William Whitney, John Ringsley, John Pugsley, John Kennell, Timothy Goodwin, Nathan Parker, David Brown, Stephen B. Porter, Arthur Boothby, Edwin Pike, Peter B. Young, James Martin, Charles Davis, Albion Fickett, Fred Fitch, Wilbur H. McKenney.

Those serving two years: J. E. McDonald, Robert Staples, Joseph Brown, Richard Larrabee, James Weed, William Fitch, Jr., Albert F. Richardson, Edwin L. Poor, Reuben Sanborn, Amos F. Ward, Will H. McDonald, James L. Chadbourne, Emory Martin.

Those serving three years: William Fitch, Luther Fitch, Arthur Dyer, William W. Fitch, William Ward, Moses R. Dyer, Elijah Fulton, Amos Ward, Almon Young, John H. Lombard, Hartley L. Clough, George H. Babb, George H. Thombs, Charles E. Hunt, Morton Douglass, Harry W. Irish.

Those serving four years: John P. Fitch, Ezra N. McKenney, Orin A. Douglass, Edward S. Douglass.

Those serving five years: Joseph Leavitt, George W. McKenney, Loring Bacheldor, Anson L. Brackett.

Those serving six years: Oliver M. Pike, William Haley, Jr., Howard C. White.

Those who served seven years: Robert McDonald, Charles A. McKenney, James C. Babb, William C. Poor, Howard E. Irish.

Those who served eight years: Benjamin W. Douglass.

Those who served nine years: Charles H. McKenney, Elmer F. Larrabee.

Those who served ten years: William Haley, William B. Pike, Thomas B. Jackson.

Those who served thirteen years: Plantville P. Larrabee.

Those who served fifteen years: John D. Martin.

Those who served sixteen years: David Potter.

Those who have served Sebago in the State Legislature as Senators are: Leander A. Poor, two terms; George H. Babb, two terms.

As Representatives:

Oliver Pike	Year 1829
Nicholas Davis	" 1831
Isaac Ridlon	" 1833
David Potter	" 1835-1837
Samuel Dyer	" 1839- 41
Robert McDonald	" 1842- 47
James Weed	" 1850
Oliver D. Dike	" 1855
Stephen R. Porter	" 1858
William Haley	" 1860
Amos Ward	" 1862
Almon Young	" 1865
Charles A. McKenney	" 1868
Luther Fitch	" 1871
John D. Martin	" 1873- 76
Edwin L. Poor	" 1879- 89
Joseph B. Brown	" 1881
Plantville P. Larrabee	" 1895
Anson L. Brackett	" 1905
George H. Babb	" 1915
Elmer F. Larrabee	" 1925

Orin Douglass, son of Andrew and Casiah Douglass, was born and received his education in Sebago. He moved to Naples and represented that town in the State Legislature in the House, one term. Later he located in Boston in wholesale butter business. When Potter Academy was built he gave the bell.

James, another son born and educated in Sebago, located in Boston and was in the express business for many years. He was in the Massachusetts Legislature for two terms.

Elmer Usher, born and educated in Sebago, moved to Baldwin and served Baldwin in the House of Representatives.

Almon Young, who served Sebago in the Legislature as Representative in 1865, later moved to Hiram, and went as Representative from that town; also was State Senator from Oxford County two terms.

Peter B. Young was born in Sebago and attended school in Sebago and at North Bridgton Academy. Later moved to Hiram and went as Representative from Hiram to the State Legislature. He also was State Senator from Oxford County two terms.

Oliver D. Dike was County Commissioner for six years, the only County Officer Sebago ever had.

In conclusion I wish to say that Sebago is one of the prettiest spots on earth to me, with her hills and lakes and valleys. Sebago has eight ponds. From Douglass Mountain, which is 1407 feet above sea level and the highest point of land in Cumberland County, eighteen ponds can be counted, and on a clear day Portland Harbor can be seen. I hope you will all be very generous and overlook all mistakes and omissions. I have tried in my poor way to give a true history of our town.

DOCTORS OF SEBAGO

LELAND H. POORE, M. D.

I was asked, on this memorable occasion, to speak in behalf of my worthy brothers of the medical profession, who have gone out from or who are or have been in any way connected with the history of this, our town of Sebago, which we so highly prize. I am glad of the privilege of being with you today and not only do I appreciate the honor your committee has thus conferred upon me, but aside from all this lies the fact that I am proud to claim this little town, abounding in nature's beauties, as the home of my childhood. There is everywhere visible the results of earnest toilers of today and of yesterday, workers with hand and brain, who have been largely instrumental in the industrial, social, and educational development of our town. Now trusting you will bear with me a little longer, I will return to our M. D.'s and will endeavor, in a few brief remarks, to give you their names and from what data I have been able to obtain, a brief sketch of their lives and work. Of course one hundred years ago dates back to a time when the knowledge of medicine had not advanced to the standard it holds at the present time. All we know of how diseases were treated in those days has come down to us through people from time to time. I have been told that even before Sebago was separated from Baldwin, my great-grandmother Poor was then the only one for miles around to render aid to the suffering. She used to travel on foot or on horseback through snowdrifts with her carpet-bag full of roots and herbs. This shows a great contrast between the ways and means of their time and those of today. I would make mention of Dr. Potter, who was born in this town in 1808 and died in

1869. He was a successful physician of his time. He resided here at times and took a great interest in its educational welfare. He gave to Sebago a fund for the support of an academy, known as Potter Academy in honor of his memory.

Another physician mentioned in connection with the doctors of Sebago is Dr. Sydney Brown. I was not able to learn much about his life except that he was a successful physician. He was for ten years a leader of the band at Brownfield and was for twenty years in succession Town Clerk of Denmark, in which town he lived.

Dr. Roscoe E. Brown was born in Lynn in 1851. His parents moved to Sebago when he was but one year of age. He received his early education in the common schools of this town. Later he attended school in Bridgton, Maine, and graduated from the high school and Bridgton Academy. He secured his medical education at Bowdoin College, from which he graduated in 1876. He began practice in Weymouth, Mass., and in 1886 settled in Everett, where he remained until his death. He was a member of several societies and filled many important positions, one of which was serving on the staff of surgeons at the Whidden Hospital.

Dr. Orestes M. Brown was born in Sebago, November 13, 1856. He graduated from the University of Vermont at Burlington. He first practiced medicine at Bartlett, N. H., then at Cornish, Maine. In 1892 he settled in Everett, Mass., where his brother, the late Dr. Roscoe E. Brown, was then living. He, too, was one of the leading physicians of that city. He was President of the Everett Medical Association and a member of several societies. His death occurred in 1918 and his loss was deeply felt.

Dr. George E. Sanborn, better known as Dr. Everett Sanborn, was born in Sebago. His early school life was passed in the towns of Sebago and Bridgton. He graduated from the Medical School at Burlington, Vermont. His health failing, he departed from this life before he was permitted to follow the profession of his choice.

Dr. H. F. Fitch was born in Sebago, August 9, 1860. He attended the town school, Bridgton High School, and the University of Vermont, graduating from this institution in 1888. He began the practice of medicine at Brownfield, Maine, where he is still following this profession. The busy life he has led through these many years is evidence of his success as a physician and the esteem in which he is held. He has always taken

an active interest in the prosperity and welfare of his adopted town.

Another of Sebago's noted physicians was Horatio H. Cole, who was born in Sebago about the year 1856, received his early education in the rural schools of that town, later attended North Bridgton Academy, and graduated from the Maine Medical School at Bowdoin College in the year 1871. He began the practice of medicine at Rumford, where he remained about two years. Then he moved to Harrison, where he remained the rest of his life. While at Harrison he had a large practice and held several town offices. His health failing him, he departed from this life at the early age of 44 years.

We would also mention Dr. Luther P. Babb, who was born in Sebago and later practiced medicine in Waterville in the early fifties for a time. Later he moved to Eastport, where he died.

Dr. L. H. Poore was born in Bethel, Maine, April 3, 1867, at the home of my mother's parents. Soon after, my parents returned to their home in Sebago. I attended the district schools in this town, also graduated from Fryeburg Academy. I completed my medical course at Bowdoin College, Brunswick, graduating in 1893. I opened practice at Crescent Lake, formerly Webb's Mills, in Casco, where I have lived to the present time.

I feel it my duty to make honorable mention of Dr. H. A. Lombard, now a physician of Bridgton. He lived at one time with his parents in Sebago. He was also a Bowdoin man. Politically he is a Republican, being a member of the Governor's staff during Ex-Governor Baxter's term of office.

Let me conclude by saying that it behooves every generation to write its own records, to leave behind its own memorials. Whatever fame great achievements may bestow, it is ever the most cherished hope of every seeker after fame and fortune to be kindly remembered and lovingly honored on the spot which gave him birth.

LAWYERS OF SEBAGO

PHILIP R. WHITE

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:

When your committee asked me to say a few words regarding the lawyers of Sebago, I was at somewhat of a loss to know what to say. The Committee suggested to me that they would like my remarks to include a short history of the lives of the men who have practiced law in Sebago and also a history of the lives of the men, reared in Sebago who have become lawyers and gone elsewhere to practice.

At first that I did not know who in Sebago had become lawyers.

I knew Edwin L. Poor, Esquire, had been one of Sebago's lawyers, as he has practiced since I can remember. Upon inquiry I found that there had been several other men from Sebago who had been admitted to the bar. There have been a number of Justices of the Peace and Notary Publics in Sebago and included among them have been several women.

The men so far as I can learn who have practiced law in Sebago are Oliver M. Pike, Esquire, Richard Potter, Esquire, Edwin Pike, Esquire, and Edwin L. Poor, Esquire. The men who were born in Sebago and have gone elsewhere to practice are Nathaniel Pike, Esquire, Edward Brown, Esquire, and myself. I have tried to name these men in chronological order.

I have been able to learn a little about the lives of most of these men and will attempt to give you this information which I have gathered.

Oliver M. Pike was probably Sebago's first lawyer. Mr. Pike was born in Cornish, Maine, in 1788. When a young man he came to Sebago and cleared a farm. This farm is on the road leading from Sebago Center to Convene and is well known to the older residents of Sebago as the "Pike Place." The first house that he built was a log cabin. Apparently as soon as this was built he married. His wife was Sara Page of Epping, N. H. The bridal trip was a ride on horseback, both riding on the same horse from Epping, N. H., to Sebago, Maine.

Before coming to Cornish, Mr. Pike's people had lived in Epping, N. H. Mr. Pike later built the house which now stands on the farm he cleared.

There were ten children in his family and probably some of the oldest were born in the log cabin. The children were Bennet, Nathaniel, Oliver, Edwin, Albion, Daniel, Ezra, Hannah, Dora and Elizabeth.

I have not been able to learn anything regarding Mr. Pike's legal education. I believe he was a self-styled lawyer. He was a man of wit, humor, native ability and round common sense. In most of the cases in which he was counsel he appeared for the defendant. I have been informed that his usual compensation while working on a case was fifty cents a day and his board.

I will tell a story that is told of him, which perhaps, as well as anything, describes his original approach to all subjects.

Mr. Pike owed a debt which for some reason he did not wish to pay. He was sued, judgment recovered and execution taken out against him. The execution was placed in the hands of the sheriff. Mr. Pike had been away with his oxen and was on his way home

when the sheriff met him. On seeing him coming and sensing the purpose of his mission, Mr. Pike dashed up and knocked the sheriff down. Mr. Pike then went to the trial justice, complained of himself and had himself fined. When the sheriff tried to complain of him he found the case had been disposed of.

Apart from his farming and legal activities, Mr. Pike found time to represent the town in various capacities. He was one of the first selectmen in town and was selectman five times thereafter. He was the first representative to the Legislature from Sebago in 1829.

On the whole, Mr. Pike may be given a high place as one of our early settlers.

I think perhaps I can do no better now than to mention two of Mr. Pike's sons who became attorneys—Nathaniel and Edwin.

Nathaniel read law and practiced in Damariscotta, Maine. I think that he devoted most of his life to the law. He was, according to all reports, a successful lawyer.

Edwin lived for a long time on the old place. He did not devote himself primarily to law but to teaching. He taught well over one hundred terms of school. When he did devote himself to law he showed the same abilities as his father and was considered a very difficult man to defeat in any case.

The next man about whom I will try to say a little is Richard Potter. He was born in Sebago in 1807 and was the son of Col. David and Sybil Fitch Potter and a brother of Captain David Potter. He died in 1838 when he was thirty years old. His legal career was thus cut short by his untimely death, but for the short time he practiced he displayed promising abilities. He is buried in the Old Potter Cemetery which is on the Bridgton Road just above the Town Farm.

I come now to the man who in the minds of Sebago people is best known as Sebago's lawyer—Edwin L. Poor. Probably a great many of the people here know Mr. Poor. Many here knew him better than I did, though I have a distinct memory of him myself. Mr. Poor was the son of Tyler and Almira Barker Poor. He was born in 1839 in Sebago. He was educated in the schools of Sebago and studied law largely by himself. He was first admitted to the bar in 1866. In 1870 he was admitted to practice before the Supreme Judicial Court in Oxford County. In 1905 he was admitted to practice before the Federal Courts.

Mr. Poor was married in 1864 to Amanda Whitney of Bethel, Maine. The children of the marriage were Willie, Leland H., LUNETTA and Lillian.

Mr. Poor had his law office at Sebago Center. He engaged in a general practice and handled all types of cases. He perhaps might be classed as a trial lawyer. He was, as a whole, very successful in his

practice both as a trial lawyer and as a general counsellor.

Mr. Poor was much interested in town affairs and was selectman twice and superintendent of schools a number of times. He was postmaster of the Sebago Post-office for a number of years. Mr. Poor represented Sebago in the Legislature in 1879 and again in 1889. When in the Legislature in 1879, he was on the Committee on Legal Affairs and Education. In 1889 he was on the Committee on Education.

Mr. Poor died in 1913, having practiced law in Sebago for nearly fifty years.

I must close my remarks shortly but before I do there is one thing which I think that I should say regarding the men reared in Sebago, who have become attorneys. It is this—none of them have been men with great educational advantages. None of them, so far as I know, have attended a law school but have learned their law by themselves or possibly by short periods of study in the offices of experienced lawyers. Their prime qualifications have been native ability and perseverance.

SEBAGO

LUNNETTA M. CHESSEY

My muse and I went roaming,
Some sacred spot to find,
Some place of holy memories
In constant hearts enshrined,
Whereon to rear an altar,
Where I my vows might pay,
And lay my votive offering
On this our festal day.

In classic lands we wandered,
Where bard and sage of yore
Down through misty ages
Their wealth of wisdom pour :
Through dim and silent cloisters
Where monk and priest and friar
In penitent devotion
To holiness aspire ;
O'er fields where heroes battled
Where blood like water ran,
And the carnage of a day has changed
The destinies of man—
I leave them all ; and turning,
At the temple of my fathers,
My dear old native town.

Sebago, fair Sebago,
I hail with love and pride,
For there my father's fathers
Have lived and wrought and died ;
They wrested from the wilderness
And from the stubborn soil
These fair domains, their homesteads dear—
By stern and constant toil,

And still unsatisfied they toiled,
With might, will and power,
And church and schoolhouse grew apace,
Their children's grandest dower,
And from these hillside nurseries,
Full-girded for the strife,
Has many a brave young heart gone forth
To the work that ennobled life.

Sebago, fair Sebago,
Land of the lake and hill ;
No other spot in all the earth
Can make my bosom thrill,
As when from the crowned hill tops
I gaze on the magic scene
Where spring with dainty fingers weaves
Her panoply of green.

When the violets awaken
By the gentle south wind kissed,
And earth and sky rejoices,
From winter's power released,
When the brooks are singing in the vale,
And the birds above them sing,
And all the air is jubilant
With the voices of the spring.

With pennons gaily flaunting
In apparent wanton play,
The angler and his trusty guide
Sail across the far famed bay.
And as we gaze upon the scene,
A vivid picture comes—

Of another stream we'll have to cross
And the Guide who will row us home,
And when we hear his oars
Push out from the Golden Shore
May we be as ready to embark
And dwell with him forevermore.

When the summer birds are carolling
In a happy round delay,
There comes to dear old Sebago
From distant lands away,
A host of splendid people
Health and happiness to find
Among our hills, lakes and valleys
And beneath her verdant pine.

But would you gaze on nature
Mantled with orbs sublime,
Ascend these grand old mountains
In the bright October time,
When all the royal colors
Of the rainbow deck the land—
Tinted and mingled wondrously
By the great Master's hand.

Sebago, dear Sebago,
Fairest of lands thou art.
To thee I bring my offering,
With the love of a loyal heart.
Where'er my feet shall wander,
Whate'er my fate may be,
Ever in faithful constancy
My heart shall turn to thee.

And these faithful sons and daughters
Gathered here from far and near
Nobly manifesting loving allegiance
To this town they hold so dear ;
And my heart it throbs with rapture
On this bright centennial day
For I know with such loyal, true defenders
That our town is safe for aye.

SCHOOLS

Miss Rebecca Hale is said to have been the first school teacher in Sebago prior to 1798. Baldwin was organized into six districts in 1805. It is probable that the several districts provided themselves with good schoolhouses in 1819, if they had not already done so. That year the school committee was restricted from paying any money to any district not having a schoolhouse 18x24, well boarded and shingled outside, ceiled to the windows and plastered inside; with seats, writing tables and a desk for the master; a good chimney; panel door; and the windows shuttered outside, and to have at least seventy-two squares of 7x9 glass. Four years after its incorporation Sebago contained two hundred seventy-one school children and was divided into six districts, drawing one hundred seventy-six dollars and fifty cents for their support.

In 1848 there were ten districts and three hundred forty-one school children. In 1878 there were nine districts and two hundred sixty-three school children. In 1905 there were eight schools with one hundred fifty scholars between five and twenty-one years of age. The sum of eight hundred dollars was appropriated by the town and four hundred twenty-eight dollars and twenty-four cents received from the State. In the year of 1926 there were eighty-one boys and eighty girls between five and twenty-one years of age. There are six schools in town at the present time. In 1926 the town raised for common schools four thousand five hundred dollars, repair of schoolhouses one hundred fifty dollars, books and supplies for common schools three hundred dollars, and seven hundred dollars for conveyance, thirteen hundred dollars for Potter Academy and three hundred dollars for books and supplies for Potter Academy. Received from State eleven hundred ninety dollars and fifty-eight cents for common schools, and five hundred dollars for Free High School.

POTTER ACADEMY

Potter Academy owes its existence to the late Joseph Fitch Potter, who was born in Sebago, November 20, 1808. He attended the town schools and North Bridgton Academy, and was a graduate of the Bowdoin Medical College. He located at Cincinnati, Ohio. By the provision of the will of Dr. Potter, a fund of about thirty-two thousand dollars was left to the town of Sebago in trust, the income to be devoted to the maintenance of an academy. Sebago was to erect a suitable building. Tuition to be free to students of said town. Sebago accepted the trust and complied with the requirements of the will by erecting an academy building. Potter Academy is located in the quiet village of Sebago Center. The academy stands upon an



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CONVENE SCHOOLHOUSE

eminence, commanding a fine view of the beautiful country round about. The academy building was erected in 1895. It is commodious, having a good number of recitation rooms, library, chapel, and is modern as to water, heat and ventilation and electric lights. The academy first opened for students September, 1895. The teaching force consists of a principal and an assistant. Some years after the academy was opened a dormitory was needed and in 1908 the Luther H. Fitch estate was bought. The town has made extensive repairs on the buildings, installing furnace, bathroom and electric lights. All of the fixtures and bath tubs were donated by A. H. Waterman. In 1914 the town voted to make the store in the Town Hall building over into a boys' dormitory. Eight fine rooms were finished.

CEMETERIES OF SEBAGO

Sebago has thirty-seven cemeteries or graveyards, and several places where only one or two are buried. There is an old yard on Tiger Hill where there is a Revolutionary soldier buried and eighteen of his kindred, and not a stone to mark even one grave.

The Fitch or Potter yard as it is now known is one of the oldest in town. There you will find the tomb of Richard Fitch, one of the early settlers; also the Potters; Colonel David of Revolutionary time and Captain David, his son, of the 1812 War, also represented his town two terms in the Legislature, and served his town more years as selectman than any other one up to the present time; Daniel and Charles Hill, grandsons of Joseph Lakin. I have been told that Mr. Lakin's first wife is buried in this yard. Joseph Robinson and Nathaniel Martin of the 1812 War, Charles Cole of the Civil War, are buried in this yard.

The Haley Cemetery at Convene is a very old cemetery. Here lies the remains of Robert Libby, a Revolutionary soldier; Reuben Whitney, John Douglass, John Libby, 1812 soldiers; William Haley, David Haley, John Meserve, Reuben M. Dyer, Josiah C. Sawyer, John P. Gammons, Samuel S. Williams, soldiers of the Civil War. A corporation has been formed as the Haley Cemetery Corporation.

The Poor Cemetery at the Center, a pretty place guarded by two noble pines, is the resting place of Edwin L. Poor, only resident lawyer Sebago has ever had. He served his town as town clerk, school superintendent, many years, also served two terms as representative in the State Legislature, 1879 and 1889.

The "Fitch yard" at the Center is another old yard. Here rests the remains of William Fitch, Esquire, one of the first settlers, who did more for Sebago than any other man. Here are many of his kindred: sons, daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

When Baldwin was incorporated he was one of the first selectmen and served Baldwin for fifteen years until Sebago was incorporated, when he was chosen chairman and also served as chairman in 1827 and 1829. He represented Baldwin three terms in the Legislature, 1822-23-24. Also in this "yard" rests the remains of Robert Usher, a Revolutionary soldier; James Gray of 1812 War; Daniel Martin, Roscoe G. Dyer, Rufus Wiggin, Albert Robinson, soldiers of the Civil War and Samuel Dyer, who served two terms in the Legislature as representative; and Luther Fitch, representative at State Legislature one term.

In the "Poor yard" at "Tiger Hill" rests the body of Daniel Butler, a Civil War soldier.

The "Babb yard" on the "Ridge" is the resting place of two soldiers, James Babb of the 1812 War and George Douglass of the Civil War; Joseph B. Brown who served Sebago as representative in the State Legislature; and James Douglass who served Boston in the Massachusetts State Legislature as representative two terms.

The "Haley yard" at Convene is the resting place of Deacon William Haley and Deacon John D. Martin; each have served their town many times as selectmen and also served their town as representatives in the State Legislature; Haley one term, Martin two terms.

The "Boulter yard" at Hillside is the resting place of Samuel Weeman, a soldier of the Civil War.

The "Blake yard" at the "Folly" is the resting place of Edward Blake, a Civil War soldier.

William Ridlon of the 1812 War is buried in the "Kenison yard" at the "Folly".

The "Ridlon yard," west of Harry Douglass's, is where rests the body of Joshua Usher of the Civil War and Isaac Ridlon, the third representative from Sebago.

The "Davis yard" at Convene is the resting place of Charles Davis and Samuel Paine of the Civil War.

The "McDonald yard" at "Mc's Corner" is the resting place of Jacob Witham of the Civil War; also John McDonald who served two terms as representative in the Legislature.

The "Davis yard" at "Mc's Corner" is the resting place of Robert Davis, an 1812 soldier.

"Martin yard" at "Mc's Corner" is the resting place of William Henry Martin, a Civil War soldier.

John Martin, a soldier of the Civil War, is buried on the "Old Daniel Martin" or as earlier known as the "General Hall Farm."

The "yard" at "Back Nipping" is the resting place of J. L. Brown, a Civil War soldier.

The "yard" in the Larrabee District known as the "Ward" or "Staples yard" is the resting place of Amos Ward, who served Sebago as representative in the state Legislature.

The "yard" at North Sebago has been incorporated in the name of Lakeside Cemetery. It has been enlarged within a few years. Here is the resting place of the remains of Daniel McKenney, soldier of the 1812 War; James McKenney, James Robinson, Mark Bacheldor of the Civil War; Carlos Johnson of the World War. Here also is the resting place of Charles A. McKenney and Plantville P. Larrabee, who have each served Sebago as representative to the Legislature, also as selectmen.

Pike Cemetery, on the "Old Pike Farm," is the resting place of Oliver M. Pike, Esquire, who was born in 1788; and his wife Sarah born in 1792; and several of his sons and daughters. One son, Edwin L. Pike, was a lawyer and a noted school teacher. Esquire Pike was the first Representative to the State Legislature after the town was incorporated, also was one of the first Selectmen, and served as Chairman of the Board in 1830-31 and 36.

In the little cemetery on the "Old Dike Homestead" is the last resting place of Edward Dike, who was born in 1779; and Susan, his wife, who was born in 1782, who came here in 1808 and cleared up this large farm. Here also is the resting place of his two sons: Kimball J. Dike who died March 11, 1905, aged eighty-six years and eleven months, and Oliver D. Dike who died December 25, 1895; aged seventy-five years and nine months. Oliver D. was a great religious worker; and I have been told that he organized the first Sabbath School in town. He also served his town as Representative to the Legislature, one term, County Commissioner for six years.

SEBAGO'S SECRET SOCIETIES

The first one we have any record of was a Temperance Watchman's Club, No. 67, organized at the Old Town House, "On the Ledge", on March 24, 1851; David Potter, S. O.; William Bickford, J. O.; John Fitch, R. S.; William C. Poor, C. S.; Charles Hill, C.; Nathan Chadbourn, T.; S. R. Porter, M.; B. F. McDonald, A. M.

Maple Grove Grange was organized April 19, 1875, at the Brick School-house, with twenty-eight members. Joseph Brown was chosen Master; Charles Davis, Secretary. The present membership is eighty-four.

Sebago Tribe, No. 90, of The Improved Order of Red Men at East Sebago was instituted November 17, 1904. There were sixty-three charter members.

Rainbow Council, No. 66, D. of P. of the Improved Order of Red



RED MEN'S HALL



MAPLE GROVE GRANGE HALL

Men, East Sebago, was instituted June 23, 1921, with forty-five charter members.

At one time there was a Lodge of Good Templars.

Those who donated towards the expense of the Centennial Celebration were as follows :

Miss E. H. Welch,	\$10.00	Dyke Farm,	25.00
J. E. Lockwood,	5.00	Harry Jones,	10.00
W. H. H. Allen,	5.00	Maynard Frost,	1.00
Araminta Wight,	10.00	Miss Bascome,	10.00
Henry Mollenhauer,	5.00	Mrs. Folsom,	10.00
Elizabeth Milliken,	2.00	Ethel Haines,	5.00
Sidney W. Noyes,	50.00	James F. Williams,	5.00
Capitola Fitch Lombard,	10.00	Waldo E. Pratt,	25.00
John Garey,	5.00	Dr. Dennett,	10.00
Herbert Robinson,	5.00	Ornville Ward,	2.00
Mary Richardson,	5.00	Mrs. Charles Clay,	1.00
Mrs. J. L. Codman,	2.00	Mr. McCarthy,	10.00
Henry Hern,	2.00	Dr. W. W. Blackman,	5.00
George and Nancy Douglass Dike,	5.00	Mr. L. B. Dudley,	25.00
Olive Brackett Hamilton,	5.00	Morrill Jewell,	2.00
Dorothy Spaulding,	10.00	Ella Rankin,	4.00
Miss Arnold,	5.00	Alice Lord,	1.00
Contributions at Hillside Farm,	2.75	George H. Babb,	1.00
Sara Lowell Downs,	5.00	Edgar R. Shaw,	2.00
Twin Lake House,	25.00	Dr. Ogden,	10.00
West Shore Camp,	10.00	Mr. W. R. Fitch,	10.00
E. W. Cox,	20.00	E. L. Jewell,	5.00
George W. Robinson,	2.00	Ida Warren Shaw,	2.00
George Saben,	2.00	Fred W. Hill,	10.00
George H. H. Lawton,	5.00	Lake Croft Inn,	15.00
Simeon Dike,	2.00	Sale of Banners,	30.50
Harry H. Fitch,	10.00	Ground rent,	11.00
		Appropriated by Town,	500.00
		Total,	\$972.25

EXPENSES OF THE CENTENNIAL:

Paid for Express,	\$ 15.43
Paid for Telephoning,	.75
Paid for Band,	90.00
Paid for Ball Game,	50.00
Paid for Use of Tent,	50.00
Paid Fred Small,	3.50

Paid M. P. Fitch,	10.00
Paid Fred L. Meserve,	1.35
Paid L. M. Sanborn,	1.25
Paid for Cleaning Grounds,	2.00
Paid for Lumber,	17.50
Paid Lillian Fitch,	27.55
Paid for Printing Posters,	15.25
Paid for Centennial Trays,	59.00
Paid C. Buck for Dinners,	22.50
Paid for Prize Cups,	27.25
Paid Carroll Shaw,	1.33
Paid for Fire Works,	500.00
Balance in Treasury to be expended toward cost of printing History,	77.59
Total,	<u>\$972.25</u>

Following is a list of Town Officers from the year, 1826 to 1926:

1826	1847
William Fitch, Clerk.	David Potter, }
William Fitch, }	William Ward, } Selectmen.
Oliver M. Pike, } Selectmen.	James Weed, }
Joseph Leavitt, }	Elijah Fulton, Collector.
William Fitch, Treasurer.	
Scully G. Usher, Collector.	1848
	Robert McDonald, }
	James Weed, } Selectmen.
	Moses R. Dyer, }
	Elijah Fulton, Collector.
	1849
	William Fitch, Jr., }
	William Ward, } Selectmen.
	Oliver Dike, }
	John D. Martin, Collector.
	1850
	John D. Martin, Clerk.
	Elijah Fulton, }
	William B. Pike, } Selectmen.
	Seth Douglass, }
	Tyler Poor, Collector.
	1851
	Robert McDonald, }
	Elijah Fulton, } Selectmen.
	William Haley, }
	Elijah Fulton, Treasurer.
	William Fitch, Collector.

1831

Oliver M. Pike, }
Joseph Leavitt, } Selectmen.
John Pugsley, }
John Pugsley, Collector.

1832

David Potter, }
John G. Cannell, } Selectmen.
Timothy Goodwin, }
John Pugsley, Collector.

1833

David Potter, }
Nathan Parker, } Selectmen.
David Brown, }
John Pugsley, Collector.

1834-35

David Potter, }
Luther Fitch, } Selectmen.
William Haley, }
John Pugsley, Collector.

1836

Oliver M. Pike, }
Samuel Dyer, } Selectmen.
Robert Staples, }
Joseph Brown, Collector.

1837

David Potter, }
Joseph Brown, } Selectmen.
Reuben Whitney, }
William Fitch, Jr., Treasurer.
William Fitch, Jr., Collector.

1838

David Potter, }
Joseph Brown, } Selectmen.
John Langley, }
William Fitch, Jr., Collector.

1839

David Potter, }
Robert McDonald, } Selectmen.
William Haley, }
James Weed, Collector.

1852

William Fitch, Jr., }
William B. Pike, } Selectmen.
Elijah Fulton, }
Elijah Fulton, Treasurer.

1853

Robert McDonald, }
William B. Pike, } Selectmen.
John D. Martin, }
James Brown, Collector.

1854

David Potter, }
William Whitney, } Selectmen.
Almon Young, Collector.

1855

William B. Pike, }
John E. McDonald, } Selectmen.
William Haley, Jr., }
James Brown, Collector.

1856

William B. Pike, }
John E. McDonald, } Selectmen.
Amos Ward, }
James Brown, Collector.

1857

William B. Pike, }
J. E. Brown, } Selectmen.
William Haley, Jr., }
William Fitch, Treasurer.
James Brown, Collector.

1858

David Potter, }
Amos Ward, } Selectmen.
William Haley, Jr., }
James Brown, Collector.

1859

William B. Pike, }
Stephen R. Porter, } Selectmen.
Arthur Boothby, }
Almon Young, Collector.

1840

David Potter, }
Robert McDonald, } Selectmen.
William Haley, }
John E. McDonald, Collector.

1841

David Potter, }
Robert McDonald, } Selectmen.
William Haley, }
James Babb, Collector.

1842

David Potter, }
William Haley, } Selectmen.
Richard Larrabee, }
James Weed, Treasurer.
James Weed, Collector.

1843

Samuel Tyler, Clerk.
David Potter, }
William Haley, } Selectmen.
Richard Larrabee, }
James Weed, Treasurer.
James Weed, Collector.

1844

Samuel Tyler, Clerk.
William Haley, }
Samuel Tyler, } Selectmen.
Thomas Larrabee, }
James Weed, Coll. and Treas.

1845

Samuel Tyler, Clerk.
William Haley, }
Luther Fitch, } Selectmen.
William Bickford, }
James Weed, Coll. and Treas.

1846

Robert McDonald, }
John Libby, } Selectmen.
William Ward, }
James Weed, Coll. and Treas.

1866

Luther Fitch, Moderator.
Peter B. Young, Clerk.

1860

Edwin L. Pike, }
Moses R. Dyer, } Selectmen.
James C. Babb, Collector.

1861

Moses R. Dyer, }
John D. Martin, } Selectmen.
William Haley, Jr., }
Charles A. McKenney, Collector.

1862

John D. Martin, }
William Haley, Jr., } Selectmen.
Almon Young, }
Peter B. Young, Collector.

1863

William B. Pike, }
Moses R. Dyer, } Selectmen.
Chas. A. McKenney, }
Almon Young, Collector.

1864

William B. Pike, Moderator.
Charles H. Young, Clerk.
John D. Martin, }
Chas. A. McKenney, } Selectmen.
Almon Young, }
Daniel J. Hill, Treasurer.
Silas B. McKenney, Collector.

1865

William B. Pike, Moderator.
Peter B. Young, Clerk.
John D. Martin, }
Chas. A. McKenney, } Selectmen.
Peter B. Young, }
Daniel J. Hill, Treasurer.
Almon Young, Coll. & Constable.

Voted to discontinue the road leading from the "Old Bridgton Road" (so called) to the Hanson place, March 6, 1865.

1879

William B. Pike, Moderator.
O. M. Brown, Clerk.

Almon Young,
Chas. A. McKenney, } Selectmen.
A. F. Richardson, }
William W. Fitch, Treasurer.
Almon Young, Constable.
Peter B. Young, Collector.

1867

William B. Pike, Moderator.
Stephen R. Porter, Clerk.
John D. Martin,
Chas. A. McKenney, } Selectmen.
A. F. Richardson, }
Daniel J. Hill, Treasurer.
Edwin L. Poor, Collector.
Albert H. Sanborn, Constable.

The road from Sandy Beach to Crockett's was accepted at the Annual March Meeting. Said road was laid out on the twenty-seventh day of November, 1866.

1868

John D. Martin, Moderator.
Stephen R. Porter, Clerk.
John D. Martin,
Daniel J. Hill, } Selectmen.
James S. Martin, }
Silas B. McKenney, Treasurer.
Amos Ward, Collector.
A. H. Sanborn, Constable.

1869

J. B. Brown, Moderator.
H. H. Cole, Clerk.
Oliver D. Dike,
Wm. Haley, Jr., } Selectmen.
J. P. Flint, }
Reuben Sanborn, Treasurer.
Chas. A. McKenney, Collector.
Asa Irish, Constable.

1870

J. B. Brown, Moderator.
James C. Babb, Clerk.
John D. Martin,
Wm. W. Fitch, } Selectmen.
Geo. W. McKenney, }

John D. Martin,
Joseph B. Brown, } Selectmen.
Reuben Sanborn, }
Reuben Sanborn, Treasurer.
E. A. Martin, Constable.
A. H. Sanborn, Collector.
Jas. C. Babb, Supt. of Schools.

1880

Amos Ward, Moderator.
O. M. Brown, Clerk.
John D. Martin,
P. P. Larrabee, } Selectmen.
C. O. Stackpole, }
J. B. Brown, Treasurer.
William C. Poor, Constable.
A. H. Sanborn, Collector.
L. A. Poor, Supt. of Schools.

1881

William B. Pike, Moderator.
J. C. Babb, Clerk.
J. C. Babb,
Reuben Sanborn, } Selectmen.
J. P. Fitch, }
A. H. Sanborn, Treasurer.
William C. Poor, Constable.
A. H. Sanborn, Collector.
L. A. Poor, Supt. of Schools.

1882

E. L. Poor, Moderator.
Frank L. Brown, Clerk.
John D. Martin,
Wm. C. Poor, } Selectmen.
C. H. McKenney, }
Chas. A. McKenney, Treasurer.
William C. Poor, Constable.
William C. Poor, Collector.
L. A. Poor, Supt. of Schools.

1883

John D. Martin, Moderator.
Charles Davis, Clerk.
Wm. C. Poor,
L. A. Poor, } Selectmen.
P. P. Larrabee, }
John D. Martin, Treasurer.

Daniel J. Hill, Treasurer.
A. H. Sanborn, Coll. & Constable.

At the Annual Town Meeting it was voted to build a stone bridge on the Hall road near James Blake's and John D. Martin was chosen agent to build it. The road leading from the Denmark road by John Weeman's to the Bridgton road was accepted at a special Town Meeting, June 4, 1870.

1871

William B. Pike, Moderator.
James C. Babb, Clerk.
John D. Martin, }
Wm. W. Fitch, } Selectmen.
Geo. W. McKenney, }
Daniel J. Hill, Treasurer.
A. H. Sanborn, Collector.
Ellis B. Fitch, Constable.

Voted to discontinue the Lakin road so called to the Old Lakin place. The Hall road was discontinued at a special meeting, April 29.

1872

William B. Pike, Moderator.
L. H. Fitch, Clerk.
Wm. W. Fitch, }
John P. Fitch, } Selectmen.
James C. Babb, }
L. H. Fitch, Treasurer.
A. H. Sanborn, Collector.
E. B. Fitch, Constable.

1873

J. B. Brown, Moderator.
Oliver D. Dike, Clerk.
John D. Martin, }
Chas. A. McKenney, } Selectmen.
Reuben Sanborn, Treasurer.

Ellis B. Fitch, Constable.
William C. Poor, Collector.
L. A. Poor, Supt. of Schools.

The new road leading from the Blake place to the Baldwin and Sebago line was built in the fall of 1883 by William Haley for three hundred forty dollars.

1884

Edwin L. Poor, Moderator.
Edwin L. Poor, Clerk.
William C. Poor, }
Loring Bacheldor, } Selectmen.
C. H. McKenney, }
John D. Martin, Treasurer.
Walter S. Martin, Constable.
William C. Poor, Collector.
Edwin L. Poor, Supt. of Schools.

The William H. Martin road, leading from the East Sebago road to the house of Daniel Martin was built in 1884.

1885

John D. Martin, Moderator.
Charles Davis, Clerk.
John D. Martin, }
P. P. Larrabee, } Selectmen.
C. H. McKenney, }
James C. Babb, Treasurer.
Walter S. Martin, Constable.
Edwin L. Poor, Collector.
Geo. H. Babb, Supt. of Schools.

The Town farm buildings were burned this year. The Alonzo B. Jewell farm was bought for a town farm for two thousand dollars. The C. M. Ward road was built this year. The old Town House that stood on the ledge was sold at auction, March 14th, to Jason Martin for thirty-two dollars and fifty cents.

A. H. Sanborn, Collector.
E. B. Fitch, Constable.
Sandy Beach road laid out by
County Commissioners.

1874

William B. Pike, Moderator.
L. H. Fitch, Clerk.
James C. Babb, }
Albert H. Sanborn, } Selectmen.
Chas. A. McKenney, }
Reuben Sanborn, Treasurer.
E. L. Poor, Collector.
E. A. Martin, Constable.

The Sandy Beach road from
C. M. White's to North Sebago
was built in 1874.

1875

Amos Ward, Moderator.
James C. Babb, Clerk.
John D. Martin, }
James C. Babb, } Selectmen.
Edwin L. Poor, }
Daniel J. Hill, Treasurer.
E. L. Poor, Collector.
E. A. Martin, Constable.

1876

William B. Pike, Moderator.
James C. Babb, Clerk.
James C. Babb, }
John P. Fitch, } Selectmen.
Charles Davis, }
John D. Martin, Treasurer.
Jas. S. Martin, Coll. & Constable.

1877

William B. Pike, Moderator.
O. M. Brown, Clerk.
Wm. B. Pike, }
Amos Ward, } Selectmen.
Geo. W. McKenney, }
John D. Martin, Treasurer.
A. B. Jewell, Constable.
E. L. Poor, Collector.

1886

John D. Martin, Moderator.
Charles Davis, Clerk.
James C. Babb, }
C. H. McKenney, } Selectmen.
Loring Bacheldor, }
P. P. Larrabee, Treasurer.
Andrew A. Reed, Constable.
George H. Wight, Collector.
L. A. Poor, Supt. of Schools.

1887

E. L. Poor, Moderator.
E. L. Poor, Clerk.
John P. Fitch, }
Loren Bacheldor, } Selectmen.
J. H. Lombard, }
Arthur Dyer, Treasurer.
A. B. Jewell, Constable.
Geo. H. Wight, Collector.
Edwin L. Poor, Supt. of Schools.

1888

E. L. Poor, Moderator.
E. L. Poor, Clerk.
William C. Poor, }
Amos F. Ward, } Selectmen.
J. H. Lombard, }
George W. Dow, Treasurer.
W. S. Martin, Constable.
Alonzo Burnell, Collector.
Edwin L. Poor, Supt. of Schools.

1889

E. L. Poor, Moderator.
Charles Davis, Clerk.
P. P. Larrabee, }
C. H. McKenney, } Selectmen.
J. H. Lombard, }
T. H. Jackson, Treasurer.
A. B. Jewell, Constable.
H. L. Clough, Collector.
Fred W. Hill, Supt. of Schools.

1890

L. A. Poor, Moderator.

1878

William B. Pike, Moderator.
O. M. Brown, Clerk.
Wm. B. Pike, }
E. L. Poor, } Selectmen.
Albion P. Fickett, }
John D. Martin, Treasurer.
E. B. Fitch, Constable.
A. H. Sanborn, Collector.
Jas. C. Babb, Supt. of Schools.

1891

J. B. Brown, Moderator.
John P. Fitch, Clerk.
Arthur Dyer, }
T. H. Jackson, } Selectmen.
A. F. Ward, }
John H. Lombard, Treasurer.
Walter S. Martin, Constable.
H. E. Irish, Collector.
L. H. Poore, Supt. of Schools.

1892

E. L. Poor, Moderator.
John P. Fitch, Clerk.
P. P. Larrabee, }
T. H. Jackson, } Selectmen.
E. N. McKenney, }
Joseph H. Bacheldor, Treasurer.
Walter S. Martin, Constable.
John H. Lombard, Collector.
L. H. Poore, Supt. of Schools.

The W. W. Fitch building was
bought for a Town House.

1893

E. L. Poor, Moderator.
Frank J. Martin, Clerk.
William C. Poor, }
E. N. McKenney, } Selectmen.
Loren Bacheldor, }
J. H. Bacheldor, Treasurer.
E. F. Frost, Constable.
J. H. Lombard, Collector.
Edwin L. Poor, Supt. of Schools.

John P. Fitch, Clerk.

P. P. Larrabee, }
C. H. McKenney, } Selectmen.
T. H. Jackson, }
Charles Davis, Treasurer.
B. F. Cole, Constable.
H. E. Irish, Collector.
Fred W. Hill, Supt. of Schools.

1904

L. A. Poor, Moderator.
T. H. Jackson, Clerk.
P. P. Larrabee, }
H. E. Irish, } Selectmen.
E. S. Douglass, }
John P. Fitch, Treasurer.
O. B. Shaw, Constable.
Fred L. Meserve, Collector.
Fred L. Meserve, Road Commr.
W. H. McKenney, Supt. of Sch.

1905

A. L. Brackett, Moderator.
M. P. Fitch, Clerk.
P. P. Larrabee, }
T. H. Jackson, } Selectmen.
E. S. Douglass, }
H. W. Blake, Treasurer.
F. H. Sanborn, Constable.
Fred L. Meserve, Collector.
W. E. Weymouth, Road Commr.
L. A. Poor, Supt. of Schools.

1906

Arthur Dyer, Moderator.
M. P. Fitch, Clerk.
T. H. Jackson, }
W. H. McKenney, } Selectmen.
Morton Douglass, }
H. W. Blake, Treasurer.
O. B. Shaw, Constable.
Fred L. Meserve, Collector.
W. E. Weymouth, Road Commr.

1894

E. L. Poor, Moderator.
P. W. Sawyer, Clerk.
William C. Poor, }
E. N. McKenney, } Selectmen.
Loren Bacheldor, }
T. H. Jackson, Treasurer.
E. F. Frost, Constable.
H. L. Clough, Collector.
Edwin L. Poor, Supt. of Schools.

1895

E. L. Poor, Moderator.
L. H. Fitch, Clerk.
P. P. Larrabee, }
Arthur Dyer, } Selectmen.
C. H. McKenney, }
Charles Davis, Treasurer.
Fred L. Meserve, Constable.
H. L. Clough, Collector.
Fred W. Hill, Supt. of Schools.

1896

Fred W. Hill, Moderator.
Charles Davis, Clerk.
P. P. Larrabee, }
J. C. Babb, } Selectmen.
O. A. Douglass, }
John P. Fitch, Treasurer.
Fred L. Meserve, Constable.
Fred L. Meserve, Collector.
Fred W. Hill, Supt. of Schools.

1897

Geo. W. McKenney, Moderator.
Loren Bacheldor, Clerk.
C. H. McKenney, }
Arthur Dyer, } Selectmen.
H. L. Clough, }
T. H. Jackson, Treasurer.
H. C. White, Constable.
Fred L. Meserve, Collector.
Alphons White, Supt. of Schools.

1898

L. A. Poor, Moderator.
Peter Sawyer, Clerk.

W. H. McKenney, Supt. of Sch.

1907

A. L. Brackett, Moderator.
M. P. Fitch, Clerk.
T. H. Jackson, }
O. A. Douglass, } Selectmen.
H. E. Irish, }
H. W. Blake, Treasurer.
Fred L. Meserve, Constable.
James F. Williams, Collector.
E. F. Larrabee, Road Commr.
W. H. McKenney, Supt. of Sch.

1908

A. L. Brackett, Moderator.
M. P. Fitch, Clerk.
H. E. Irish, }
O. A. Douglass, } Selectmen.
Fred Fitch, }
H. W. Blake, Treasurer.
Fred L. Meserve, Constable.
Fred L. Meserve, Collector.
A. E. Dyer, Road Commr.
C. S. Poor, Supt. of Schools.
Resigned in September.
Sara G. Fitch, elected to fill the
vacancy.

1909

A. L. Brackett, Moderator.
M. P. Fitch, Clerk.
T. H. Jackson, }
Geo. H. Whitten, } Selectmen.
F. C. Sawyer, }
A. L. Brackett, Treasurer.
O. B. Shaw, Constable.
Fred L. Meserve, Collector.
A. F. Ward, Road Commr.
Sara G. Fitch, Supt. of Schools.

1910

A. L. Brackett, Moderator.
M. P. Fitch, Clerk.
E. S. Douglass, }
Geo. Thombs, } Selectmen.
Chas. E. Hunt, }

C. H. McKenney, }
 G. W. McKenney, } Selectmen.
 H. L. Clough, }
 T. H. Jackson, Treasurer.
 O. B. Shaw, Constable.
 A. L. Brackett, Collector.
 W. H. McDonald, Road Commr.
 Alphons White, Supt. of Schools.

1899

Fred W. Hill, Moderator.
 P. W. Sawyer, Clerk.
 C. H. McKenney, }
 T. H. Jackson, } Selectmen.
 H. L. Clough, }
 J. H. Bacheldor, Treasurer.
 O. B. Shaw, Constable.
 Fred L. Meserve, Collector.
 A. B. Jewell, Road Commr.
 B. M. Clough, Supt. of Schools.

1900

G. W. McKenney, Moderator.
 P. W. Sawyer, Clerk.
 P. P. Larrabee, }
 O. A. Douglass, } Selectmen.
 C. E. Fitch, }
 John P. Fitch, Treasurer.
 Frank L. Brown, Constable.
 Fred L. Meserve, Collector.
 A. B. Jewell, Road Commr.
 W. H. McKenney, Supt. of Sch.

1901

William C. Poor, Moderator.
 T. H. Jackson, Clerk.
 William C. Poor, }
 E. N. McKenney, } Selectmen.
 O. M. Douglass, }
 J. H. Bacheldor, Treasurer.
 O. B. Shaw, Constable.
 C. D. Martin, Collector.
 W. E. Weymouth, Road Commr.
 C. E. Sanborn, Supt. of Schools.

1902

Fred W. Hill, Moderator.
 M. P. Fitch, Clerk.

A. L. Brackett, Treasurer.
 Fred L. Meserve, Constable.
 H. E. Poor, Collector.
 Mrs. Ervin L. McKenney, Supt.
 of Schools.

1911

A. L. Brackett, Moderator.
 M. P. Fitch, Clerk.
 Chas. E. Hunt, }
 B. W. Douglass, } Selectmen.
 George A. Thombs, }
 A. L. Brackett, Treasurer.
 Fred L. Meserve, Constable.
 T. H. Jackson, Collector.
 A. E. Dyer, Road Commr.
 Mrs. Ervin L. McKenney, Supt.
 of Schools.

1912

A. L. Brackett, Moderator.
 M. P. Fitch, Clerk.
 P. P. Larrabee, }
 E. N. McKenney, } Selectmen.
 Benj. W. Douglass, }
 H. H. Fitch, Treasurer.
 Fred L. Meserve, Constable.
 Fred Fitch, Collector.
 E. F. Larrabee and L. A. Dolloff,
 Road Commrs.
 Sara G. Fitch, Supt. of Schools.

1913

A. L. Brackett, Moderator.
 M. P. Fitch, Clerk.
 Howard E. Irish, }
 Jas. L. Chadbourn, } Selectmen.
 Benj. W. Douglass, }
 H. H. Fitch, Treasurer.
 Fred L. Meserve, Constable.
 Fred L. Meserve, Collector.
 A. E. Dyer and Fred D. McKen-
 ney, Road Commrs.
 Sara G. Fitch, Supt. of Schools.

1914

A. L. Brackett, Moderator.
 M. P. Fitch, Clerk.

P. P. Larrabee, }
 O. A. Douglass, } Selectmen.
 H. E. Irish, }
 John P. Fitch, Treasurer.
 R. M. Dyer, Constable.
 L. C. Burnell, Collector.
 John Douglass, Road Commr.
 A. L. Brackett, Supt. of Schools.

1903

G. W. McKenney, Moderator.
 Loren Bacheldor, Clerk.
 T. H. Jackson, }
 G. W. McKenney, } Selectmen.
 H. C. White, }
 J. H. Bacheldor, Treasurer.
 O. B. Shaw, Constable.
 Fred L. Meserve, Collector.
 W. E. Weymouth, Road Commr.
 W. H. McKenney, Supt. of Sch.

1916

A. L. Brackett, Moderator.
 L. W. Dyer, Clerk.
 E. F. Larrabee, }
 H. C. White, } Selectmen.
 B. W. Douglass, }
 James F. Williams, Constable.
 C. E. Hunt, Collector.
 Leon White and B. W. Douglass,
 Road Commrs.
 Sara G. Fitch, Supt. of Schools.
 H. H. Fitch, Treasurer.

1917

A. L. Brackett, Moderator.
 L. W. Dyer, Clerk.
 E. F. Larrabee, }
 G. H. Babb, } Selectmen.
 A. L. Brackett, }
 H. H. Fitch, Treasurer.
 Jas. F. Williams, Constable.
 Fred L. Meserve, Collector.
 Fred L. Meserve and W. O.
 Nason, Road Commrs.
 C. H. Sanborn, Supt. of Schools.

Howard E. Irish, }
 B. W. Douglass, } Selectmen.
 E. F. Larrabee, }
 H. H. Fitch, Treasurer.
 Fred L. Meserve, Constable.
 Fred L. Meserve, Collector.
 J. W. Hamlin, Supt. of Schools.

1915

A. L. Brackett, Moderator.
 L. W. Dyer, Clerk.
 Howard E. Irish, }
 E. F. Larrabee, } Selectmen.
 H. C. White, }
 H. H. Fitch, Treasurer.
 Fred L. Meserve, Constable.
 H. E. Poor, Collector.
 Fred Fitch and Lawson Rowe,
 Road Commrs.
 Sara G. Fitch, Supt. of Schools.
 H. H. Fitch, Treasurer.
 Fred L. Meserve, Constable.
 Fred L. Meserve, Collector.
 A. E. Dyer and L. W. Rowe,
 Road Commrs.
 C. H. Sanborn, Supt. of Schools.

1922

A. L. Brackett, Moderator.
 L. W. Dyer, Clerk.
 E. F. Larrabee, }
 A. L. Brackett, } Selectmen.
 W. H. McDonald, }
 H. H. Fitch, Treasurer.
 Fred L. Meserve, Constable.
 Silas Edwards, Collector.
 C. E. Wight and B. W. Douglass,
 Road Commrs.
 C. H. Sanborn, Supt. of Schools.

1923

A. L. Brackett, Moderator.
 L. W. Dyer, Clerk.
 E. F. Larrabee, }
 A. L. Brackett, } Selectmen.
 J. F. Williams, }

1918

A. L. Brackett, Moderator.
 L. W. Dyer, Clerk.
 E. F. Larrabee, }
 A. L. Brackett, } Selectmen.
 Geo. H. Babb, }
 H. H. Fitch, Treasurer.
 James F. Williams, Constable.
 Fred L. Meserve, Collector.
 C. E. Wight and Samuel Chessey, Road Commrs.
 C. H. Sanborn, Supt. of Schools.

1919

H. E. Poor, Moderator.
 D. H. Jackson, Clerk.
 H. C. White, }
 B. W. Douglass, } Selectmen.
 W. F. Bacheldor, }
 H. H. Fitch, Treasurer.
 Jas. F. Williams, Constable.
 Fred L. Meserve, Collector.
 A. E. Dyer and A. F. Ward, Road Commrs.
 C. H. Sanborn, Supt. of Schools.

1920

A. L. Brackett, Moderator.
 D. H. Jackson, Clerk.
 Howard E. Irish, }
 Benj. W. Douglass, } Selectmen.
 W. R. Thompson, }
 Fred L. Meserve, Constable.
 Fred L. Meserve, Collector.
 H. H. Fitch, Treasurer.
 Fred L. Meserve and Frank Thorne, Road Commrs.
 C. H. Sanborn, Supt. of Schools.

1921

A. L. Brackett, Moderator.
 W. L. Dyer, Clerk.
 E. F. Larrabee, }
 John Douglass, } Selectmen.
 W. H. McDonald, }

H. H. Fitch, Treasurer.
 Fred L. Meserve, Constable.
 C. E. Wight and Fred L. Meserve, Road Commrs.
 Fred L. Meserve, Collector.
 C. H. Sanborn, Supt. of Schools.

1924

A. L. Brackett, Moderator.
 L. W. Dyer, Clerk.
 H. C. White, }
 B. W. Douglass, } Selectmen.
 H. W. Irish, }
 H. H. Fitch, Treasurer.
 Fred Fitch, Constable.
 Fred L. Meserve, Collector.
 Fred Fitch and C. E. Wight, Road Commrs.
 C. H. Sanborn, Supt. of Schools.

1925

A. L. Brackett, Moderator.
 L. W. Dyer, Clerk.
 H. C. White, }
 H. W. Irish, } Selectmen.
 E. C. Martin, }
 H. H. Fitch, Treasurer.
 Fred L. Meserve, Constable.
 O. G. Hanson and L. W. Rowe, Road Commrs.
 Fred L. Meserve, Collector.
 C. H. Sanborn, Supt. of Schools.

1926

A. L. Brackett, Moderator.
 Sara G. Fitch, Clerk.
 H. W. Irish, }
 E. C. Martin, } Selectmen.
 Jas. L. Chadbourne, }
 H. C. White, Treasurer.
 Fred Fitch, Constable.
 E. F. Larrabee, Collector.
 W. L. Warren and C. W. Ward, Road Commrs.
 C. H. Sanborn, Supt. of Schools.

A FEW RAMBLING REMARKS

As Sebago lost her records for the first forty years of her existence, it has been somewhat hard to get some of the data which I am presenting to you. Sebago's County Tax for 1826, was \$50.85; 1827 County Tax, \$71.30; State Tax, \$50.86. Raised for schools, \$200.00. 1828 State Tax, \$50.86; 1829, amount committed to Collector, \$663.31; State Tax, \$50.86; County Tax, \$66.54; 1831, State Tax, \$55.52. In 1832, committed to Collector, \$693.12. Raised for schools, \$235.00. 1833, committed to Collector, \$740.40. Raised for schools, \$300.00. Scholars on "Beach Hill" in 1832, Alfred Farnum had six; Abraham York, five; Samuel York, three.

District No. 5, at a meeting, August 27, 1830, voted to repair John Davis' cooper shop to teach school in and the district agrees to find boards and nails to repair said building, and at the close of the school leave the boards and nails for the use of the building.

"Beach Hill", 1834, Alfred Farnum furnished a room in his house for a school.

"Folly", 1837, James Gray furnished a room in his house for a school.

"New Limington", now known as Convene, 1839, William Haley furnished a room in his house for a school.

In looking over the Baldwin Records I find the first list of jurors chosen in Baldwin for the year, 1813, has the following names: Joseph Fitch; William Fitch; Col. David Potter who lived in the northern part of Baldwin, which afterwards became Sebago. Col. David Potter was a delegate to the Convention at Brunswick, the last Tuesday of September, 1816, to see if the Province of Maine be set off from Massachusetts.

The fifth district, in 1822, of Baldwin, included the following lots: Nos. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 in the first range East; Nos. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 in the second range East; Nos. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 in the third range East; Nos. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 in the fourth range East, which is now the Sebago Center District.

In 1823, at the Annual Town Meeting, Baldwin voted that the next Town Meeting be held at the new school-house in the fifth district in said Baldwin.

Sebago's first Town Meeting was held in this school-house.

At a Town Meeting held in Baldwin, September 9, 1822, it was voted that the following lots of land together with the inhabitants thereon, which are calculated to be a school district at "Sandy Beach" so called, should be recorded as the rest part of the town has been all districted so that it becomes a school district when the town may judge it proper and expedient, viz; Nos. 24, 28, 29, 36, 43, 44, 51, 52, 25,

30, 33, 37, 42, 45, 50, 53, 26, 31, 34, 38, 41, 46, 49, 54, 27, 32, 35, 39, 40, 47, 48, 55, 54, 61, 104, 105, 108, 109, 111, 115, 63, 62, 100, 106, 107, 110, 96, 97, 98, 99, 114, 120, pond lots and gores.

At a Town Meeting held at Baldwin, September 6, 1802, at the dwelling house of Richard Fitch, it was voted to hold the next Town Meeting at William Fitch's grist mill. This mill was at the out-let of Marriner pond.

At the Annual Town Meeting of Baldwin, March 1, 1824, it was voted: "To purchase two palls for the use of the town inhabitants and to be kept one at the dwelling house of Josiah Pierce in said town, and the other at the dwelling house of William Fitch in said town, and the selectmen to procure them as soon as may be." The "Cook house" now owned by Montford P. Fitch was one of the first houses built at East Sebago in 1795. Intentions of marriages found in Baldwin Town Records of people who lived in the northern part of Baldwin, which later became Sebago, are as follows:

July 25, 1805—Henry Hobbs and Jerusha Lakin.

December 23, 1811—David Martin and Eunice Ridlon.

February 10, 1820—James Babb and Sarah Potter.

January 17, 1823—George Douglass and Nancy Pease of Cornish.

June 20, 1823—Scolly G. Usher and Sarah M. Ramwell.

November 1, 1823—John Potter and Huldah Symonds.

February 14, 1824—Daniel Young and Ann Babb.

July 9, 1824—Robert Martin and Sally Sanborn.

I found in the Records of Marriages of the Town of Bridgton the following: November 20, 1795 — James Lowell with Mary Sanborn of Flint's Town.

November 20, 1795—William Bickford with Priscilla Sanborn, both of Flint's Town, by Enoch Perley, Justice of the Peace.

February 26, 1799—Daniel Hill of Lowell's Grant—with Polly Lakin of Flint's Town, by Enoch Perley, Justice of the Peace.

March 17, 1799—Joseph Fitch with Sally Knapp of Bridgton.

September 2, 1824—Robert Martin with Sally Sanborn, both of Baldwin.

In the Marriage Record of David Potter, Justice of the Peace, are the following:

May 17, 1829—Daniel McKenney with Eliza Sanborn, both of Sebago.

March 2, 1831—John Weeman with Tryphena York, both of Sebago.

November 17, 1834—William Sanborn with Meranda Carle, both of Sebago.

July 25, 1841—Stephen B. McKenney with Harriet Robinson, both of Sebago.



RESIDENCE OF ADA M. DYER, FORMERLY THE "SEBAGO HOUSE"

July 5, 1842, John Hill with Rosanna Martin, both of Sebago.

November 6, 1842—William J. Hill of Denmark with Alvira Martin of Sebago.

April 28, 1843—Josiah Stone with Margaret Ridlon, both of Sebago.

April 30, 1848—Stephen Wentworth 2nd, with Jane L. Pugsley, both of Sebago.

May 25, 1848—Alfred Whitney of Standish with Elizabeth P. Wentworth of Sebago.

March 9, 1850—John D. Martin with Caroline Jewell, both of Sebago.

December 21, 1854—George Lakin with Philenca Hannaford, both of Sebago.

May 16, 1858—Joseph Wiggin with Hannah Pendexter, both of Sebago.

The first piece of land sold by one settler to another was undoubtedly a pond lot No. 2, sold by Joseph Lakin, Plantation of Flints-town, Massachusetts, to Joseph Fitch, deed given October 16, 1793.

The only public house or tavern as they were known in "ye olden days" was at McDonald's Corner and was called the Sebago House; and the sign is in existence now and can be seen in the old store now owned by Ada M. Dyer; and she is also owner of the "Sebago House."

